

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the specification as shown, in particular:

In the paragraph on page 8, line 19 through page 9, line 2, please replace "adapter 705" with –adapter 704–:

Although the orientation of the base 701 mated to the mount 702 is irrelevant with respect to the electrical connection, orientation of the adapter 704 can be important to ensure access for the installation and removal tool 703 to the mount. In addition to the adapter ~~705~~ 704 shown in FIG. 1, three exemplary adapters 804, 904, 1004 are shown in FIGS. 5-7, respectively. The adapter 804 shown in FIG. 5 is similar to the adapter 704 shown in FIG. 1. Each adapter 804, 904, 1004 has a circular dish shape with a peripheral wall 806, 906, 1006 extending from one side of a generally circular surface 808, 908, 1008. The peripheral wall includes a pair of openings 810, 910, 1010 therein for receipt of the arms 717 (FIG. 1) of the installation and removal tool 703 (FIG. 1) to extend therethrough to the mount 702 (FIG. 1). Each adapter 804, 904, 1004 also includes a central opening 812, 912, 1012 in the circular surface to provide access to the electrical connectors 726 in the mount 702 (FIG. 1), as well as one or more additional openings 813, 913, 1013 for locating the adapter relative to the mount or for fastening the adapter to the mount.

And in the paragraph on page 10, lines 2-16, please replace "magnets 24" with –magnets 713–:

In use, the illustrated adapter 704, 804, 904, 1004 can completely cover the mount, acting as a cover to conceal both the mount 702 and the base 701. Referring to FIGS. 1-7, the mount 702 has a substantially cylindrical disk shape with one or more openings in a peripheral wall for engagement with the installation and removal tool 703. As noted above, a dual retention mechanism 710 holds the mount 702 to the base 701. In the illustrated embodiment, a plurality of magnets ~~24~~ 713 in the mount 702 engage a metal plate 714 in the base 701 to hold the mount to the base.

The strength of the magnets 24 is chosen to correspond with the weight of the articles to be suspended. As will readily be apparent, the greater the weight to be suspended, the stronger the magnetic force required and the greater the force required to disengage a suspended mount that is magnetically coupled with the base. Magnet mounts or standoffs 734 in the mount provide an elevated mounting surface for the magnets 713, such that the magnets are approximately flush with the top surface of the outer wall 733 of the mount and can mate with and secure to the base plate 714.

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1. (Currently amended) A mounting system for an article, comprising:
a base securable to a support,
a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to the base, and
an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration that ~~provides~~ allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the mount, wherein the adapter includes one or more passages therethrough that allows for communication ~~communicate~~ between the mount and an article mountable thereto.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously presented) A mounting system for an article, comprising:
a base securable to a support,
a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to the base, and
an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration that ~~provides~~ allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the mount, wherein the adapter includes one or more ribs that strengthen the underside of the adapter.

5. (Original) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter has a substantially flat central mounting surface that separates the mount and an article mountable thereto.

6. (Currently amended) A mounting system for an article, comprising:
a base securable to a support,
a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to the base, and
an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration that ~~provides~~ allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the mount, wherein the adapter has a substantially flat central mounting surface that separates the mount and an article mountable thereto, and the flat surface is bounded ~~by~~ by a

peripheral wall that cooperates with the flat surface to enclose the sides of the mount, the peripheral wall including one or more openings therein for an installation and removal tool to engage the mount for coupling and uncoupling the mount and the base.

7. (Previously presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 6, wherein the adapter includes one or more guide passages that extend from the one or more openings in the peripheral wall to guide an installation and removal tool into engagement with the mount.

8. (Currently amended) A mounting system ~~as set forth in claim~~ for an article, comprising:

a base securable to a support,
a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to the base, and
an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration that ~~provides~~ allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the mount, wherein the mount includes means for positioning the adapter on the mount.

9. (Previously presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the mount has a generally cylindrical shape and the adapter has a substantially circular rib that acts as the means for positioning to register the adapter to the mount.

10. (Currently amended) A mounting system for an article, comprising:

a base securable to a support,
a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to the base, and
an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration that ~~provides~~ allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the mount, further comprising a plurality of adapters from which the adapter is selected, each adapter having a different geometric characteristic.

11. (Previously presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 10, wherein each adapter has a generally cylindrical shape and each adapter has a different diameter and a uniform size rib to register each adapter to the mount.

12. (Original) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an article mountable to the mount through the adapter.

Claims 13 and 14 (Canceled).

15. (Previously presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein elements of the base and the mount define a latch mechanism for releasably securing the mount to the base, the latch mechanism being accessible when an article is mounted to the mount.

16. (Previously presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter has a top wall and at least one side wall extending from one side of the top wall about a substantial portion of the periphery of the top wall, the side wall having one or more openings therein that provide access to the mount.